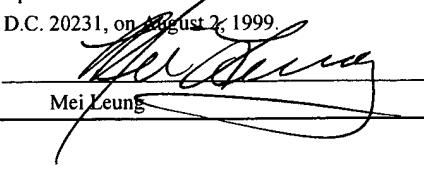


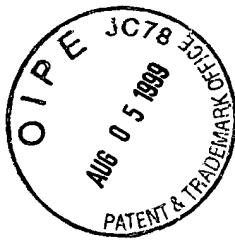
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 2, 1999. This extension will extend the time the response is due from May 2, 1999 to August 2, 1999.

- A three month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$870.00.
- A check in the amount of \$870.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 2, 1999

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